

## **WOMT Summary for March 1, 2011**

The WOMT met and discussed the following:

The Smelt Working Group reported no recommendation for Delta smelt or longfin smelt at this time. The Working Group estimated that the overall risk of entrainment was low given the distributional data from recent surveys and believes that, based upon what is known of Delta conditions and delta smelt distribution, a modification of Project operations to protect delta smelt is not yet warranted.

The DOSS advice to WOMT and NMFS is to support the OMR management schedule below which is sufficiently protective of listed species, as intended by Action IV.2.3. On Tuesday, 3/8/2011, DOSS will review the recent export, OMR flows, and fish loss data and determine if further actions are warranted.

<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>OMR limit</b>
Tuesday, 3/1/2011	-2,500 cfs
Wednesday, 3/2/2011	-3,500 cfs
Thursday, 3/3/2011	-2,500 cfs

NMFS accepts the advice from DOSS and determines that managing CVP/SWP operations to the above schedule is consistent with the intended implementation of Action IV.2.3 and sufficiently protective of listed species present in the Delta at this time. Beginning on 3/7/2011, until there is some relaxation of the OMR flow requirement, the 5-day running average OMR shall be no more than 25% more negative than -2,500 cfs.

During the 5-day period beginning Thursday, 3/3/2011, the last three consecutive days in which the combined fish loss density is below an action trigger are required before the OMR flow limit can be relaxed.

- If the combined fish loss density drops to below 6.64 but above 3.32 fish/TAF on 3/5, 3/6, and 3/7, the OMR flow limit may be relaxed to no more negative than -3,500 cfs.
- If the combined fish loss density drops to below 3.32 fish/TAF on 3/5, 3/6, and 3/7, the OMR flow limit may be relaxed to no more negative than -5,000 cfs.
- If the combined fish loss density exceeds 6.64 on 3/5, 3/6, or 3/7, the OMR flow limit of -2,500 cfs shall continue until there are 3 consecutive days of being below the second stage fish loss density trigger.

NMFS will notify DWR on Tuesday 3/8/2011 if further actions are warranted.